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In re Application of:

Franklin Okumu

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

M.S. - Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 7, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following remarks.